

KNOW THY PLACE:

The Role of Data in Understanding Community, Regional, and Statewide Needs

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1. The United States is experiencing a major demographic revolution.
2. Diversity by race and diversity by age are both critical issues.
3. The "middle-aging," not the aging, of our population is now taking place. The aging of our population is a decade or more off.
4. Major changes are taking place in our households and families.
5. There are major regional differences across the United States.
6. Our economy is changing and we are not prepared for the new knowledge economy.
7. Bubba is in trouble whether he is Bubba White, Joe Black, or Jose Brown.
8. Births to unmarried mothers and children at risk are major challenges.
9. The costs of an aging society are "unsustainable" and we need to rethink the concept of "old."
10. We have a "sick care" system masquerading as a "health care" system.